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SUBJECT: UNCTAD TDB XIV: PROPOSALS FOR EXPANDING OR
CHANGING UNCTAD INSTITUTIONS

REFS: (A) GENEVA 5625 (B) GENEVA 5673 (C) GENEVA 5687

1. REFTELS REPORT GROUP 77 EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A) CREATION
OF UNCTAD STANDING COMMITTEE, B) ESTABLISHMENT OF IGG ON
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRY ISSUES AND C) ACCEPTANCE OF UNCTAD
AUSPICES FOR SETTING UP COMPREHENSIVE TRADE ORGANIZATION.

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2. USG HAS NOT HAD TIME TO ANALYZE AND DISCUSS 77 PROPOSAL (REF A) FOR STANDING COMMITTEE. OFFHAND, WE EXPECT PROBLEMS ALREADY FACED IN GATT AND TO LESSER EXTENT IN PROPOSED MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSFER OF REAL RESOURCES WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERSHIP SELECTION WOULD BE MULTIPLIED SEVERALFOLD IN UNCTAD CONTEXT. GIVEN PRESENT DEMANDS ON SENIOR OFFICIALS TO DEAL WITH REQUIRED REPRESENTATION AT EXISTING MULTILATERAL MEETINGS, WE ARE HESITANT TO ACCEPT STILL GREATER COMMITMENTS OF THEIR TIME TO ADDITIONAL UNCTAD MEETINGS WHICH LIKELY TO DUPLICATE REGULAR UNCTAD ACTIVITIES AND COMPETE WITH ACTIVITIES ALREADY WELL UNDERWAY IN IMF, IBRD, GATT, OECD AND OTHER MULTILATERAL GROUPINGS.

3. U.S. DEL SHOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE IN GROUP B AND, IF NECESSARY, IN PLENARY G-77 RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL UNCTAD INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP (IGG) TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS OF LEAST DEVELOPED (REF B). WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PRIORITY TREATMENT FOR PROBLEMS OF LEAST DEVELOPED BUT BELIEVE REAL PROGRESS IN THIS AREA CAN BEST BE MADE THROUGH EXISTING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION MACHINERY, PARTICULARLY UNDP, IDA AND IBRD, WHOSE PRE-INVESTMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE BEEN HIGHLY EFFECTIVE IN ADDRESSING PROBLEMS OF L INCOME COUNTRIES. WE DOUBT PROPOSED IGG WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE REAL CONTRIBUTION AND WOULD LOOK UPON ITS CREATION AS HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE IN VIEW OF LIMITED UNCTAD RESOURCES. IN LIEU OF IGG, US DEL MAY RELUCTANTLY ACCEPT CONVENING OF SPECIAL SESSIONAL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ROBLEMS OF LEAST DEVELOPED.

4. WE SUPPORT USDEL INTENT (REF B) NOT TO OPPOSE CARRYING GROUP 77 PROPOSAL FOR COMPREHENSIVE TRADE ORGANIZATION AS AGENDA ITEM FOR 1975 UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. AT SAME TIME, WE FEEL IT VERY USEFUL TO HAVE CLEARCUT RECORD OF GROUP B REITERATION OF ITS CONTINUING OPPOSITION TO CREATION OF UNNEEDED NEW ORGANIZATION, THE WORK OF WHICH WOULD DUPLICATE IN UNHELPFUL WAY WORK ALREADY BEING EFFECTIVELY DEALT WITH IN GATT AND ELSEWHERE. KISSINGER

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